



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 2267.398US03

Barry L. Rauworth et al.

Application No.: 09/960,606

Examiner/Supervisor: Lee W. Young

Filed: September 21, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3727

For: BLOW MOLDED DRUM

AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF APPEAL

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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In response to the Office Action of December 31, 2002, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

A. Amendments to the Claims

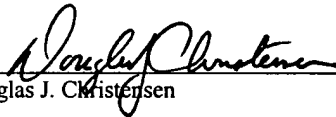
B. Remarks

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In view of the Amendment After Notice of Appeal submitted herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Final Office Action in the above-identified patent application. Pertinent to the request are the following noteworthy considerations:

Applicant notes that significant amendments to the Office Action of March 21, 2002 were submitted along with two 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 Declarations evidencing secondary considerations. In spite of this, the final Office Action (mailed August 29, 2002) was a simple "cut and paste" of the March 21, 2002 Office Action with no apparent consideration given to the submitted evidence, nor the amended claims, nor the arguments submitted in the Remarks. The examiner simply ignored the response in the Final Office Action.

Counsel for Applicant made numerous, repeated attempts over a period of several months to telephonically contact Stephen Pollard, the previous Examiner assigned to this case, to seek an interview for clarification of the Office Action, reasons for rejection of the claims, and to discuss amendments to the claims. These attempts were all unsuccessful. Further, numerous phone messages for Examiner Pollard left by Applicant requesting a return telephone call to

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discuss this case or to indicate the Examiner's availability for an interview, were met with no response. Moreover, Applicant's written request contained in the Amendment of July 22, 2002, for Examiner Pollard to indicate availability for an interview, similarly met with no response. As a result, Applicant was unable to accurately ascertain the Examiner's specific concerns regarding the claims, in order to frame appropriate amendments.

Respectfully submitted,



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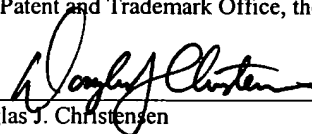
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